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LIFE OF LATE EMPEROR HAS BEEN STORMY ONE

The recent life night of Francis Joseph which were proven refuted, when official communiqués were made known. His life, the long list of travels in our Hapsburg family, a record that his mind had been affected through worry over the great war, but the truth of these rumors was not admitted.

In November, 1914, on the occasion of a visit of Emperor William of Germany to Vienna, it was rumored that Francis Joseph was about to make a possible move for a separate peace, but owing to the strict censorship in Austria there was no confirmation of this.

Francis Joseph was born Aug. 18, 1830, he was only 18 years of age when he accepted the throne of Austria upon the abdication of his uncle Ferdinand I, June 2, 1848, all but the first 10 years of whom he was also Archduke of Hungary. It is doubtful if in all history there has been a more authentically reign that was longer. Tradition says a Marquis ruled for 30 years and there is a claim--a instance in Hungary to the title of the Greeks, whose reign is reported to have covered 67 years. In recorded history there certainly has never been a reign of equal duration to that of Francis Joseph. Francis Joseph, was nominally King for 67 years. He apparently occupied the throne for little more than half a century. A clever Rival, and the only one of modern times, was Queen Victoria who reigned for 64 years.

The aged monarch, although he had suffered serious threats upon his health for many years past, was strong enough to keep a firm grip on affairs of state almost to the last. There were repeated reports of a serious illness from a bronchial affection, and frequent rumors of his death,

Received and my remissibility before the Almighty. I have examined and weighed everything, and will accept consequences of one on the path that duty points."

And from the great war Francis Joseph's reign was one of the greatest in history. From his imperial carriage point of view, the greatest moment in his life, the second Empire, and the reputation of today rests on his shoulders. He has the black plumes of the Prussian eagle, stamped on the flag of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, so far as classed among the Central Powers, but, owing to the strict censorship in Austria there was no confirmation of this.

The ultimatum of July 23, 1914, when Francis Joseph sent to King Peter of Serbia, denouncing the anti-Austrian propaganda in that country and demanding prompt punishment of the assassins of Archduke Ferdinand, was supposedly dictated by Francis Joseph himself and it was this document that directly precipitated the war now ravaging Europe. Five days later, after Serbia had complied with all the demands with the exception of agreeing to allow Austrian authorities to enter Serbia to stamp out the alleged anti-Austrian conspiracies, Francis Joseph declared war.

In his manifesto of that date, July 28, he said:

"The outrages of a malevolent opponent compelled me to defend the honor of my monarchy and the protection of its dignity, and the security of its possessions, though the sword arose long years ago."

The hope the Serbs would keep his word has not been fulfilled; the name of his nation for us, and our house has always blazed higher. "In this solemn hour I am fully conscious of the whole significance of my

last ride in France and a cousin whom he himself was led into tragicomedy with that which fell the ancient house of the Hapsburgs. In 1868 when Rudolf, the Imperial Prince upon whom the Austrians pinned their last, but death in a mystery which to this day is not cleared up, Francis held the secret of that fatal night at hunting lodge in Mayerling. There were four, a dozen persons, what is surmised. One "crusader" held that the crown prince was a victim, but the crown prince was a victim held by Baroness, a Hungarian princess who forced the Baroness Mayerling, and she was discovered by finding the girl and Prince Rudolf together in the castle of Mayerling after the crown prince had given his blood, and to see the girl again. Another theory is that the crown prince killed his wife, the young baroness, whom he came to see her and that both of the young lovers afterward committed suicide. The truth is not known.

Classed as still deeper mystery, if possible, was the disappearance of the year of Francis Joseph's favorite nephew, the Archduke Johann Salvator. Heir to the throne at the death of Rudolf, he renounced all his imperial dignities and left the country as John Gott, captain of a merchant ship, never to be heard of again. The next year the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, wife because his presumptive, wedded a further burden to his mother's heart by hasty marriage to Sophie, the countess of Czerny. It was he and his wife who assassinated at Sarajevo in June 1914.

One is doubtful if any or all of these reverses weighed more heavily upon the emperor's heart than the tragedy at Geneva, when the Empress Elizabeth, who has been called the most beautiful woman in Europe, was snatched to death by an Italian anarchist in 1898. True, she long had been estranged from the emperor, but he had never ceased to respect and adore her. When a courier brought him the news of the crime, he exclaimed "Alas, nothing can be spared me."

After such blow he renewed his devotion to the state, his only solace being in harder work. He labored prodigiously. He was beloved for his kindness, his modesty, and rectitude, and his moral courage made it possible for him to hold in leash the Czechs, the Poles, the Serbs, the Ruthenians and the Bulgars, who made up the majority of nationalities in his dual empire.

Georged plentifully with his private life, filled with romance and misfortune. It is related that his mother intended him to marry Princess Helene, eldest daughter of Duke Max of Bavaria. With passive indifference the young emperor agreed to the matrimony and set out to pay court to his intended bride. He got no further than the park surrounding the duke's castle where he spied a little girl whose extraordinary beauty attracted him. He learned that she was Princess Elizabet, younger sister of his intended. He decided that Elizabeth should be his bride and she became in 1854.

No welcome in court.

In addition to her beauty Elizabeth was highly endowed with talents, but she found no welcome at court. The emperor's mother would hardly countenance the match, and all of the Viennese aristocracy held aloof from

her. Elizabeth returned home for a time. Her enemies here were very bad that could wound her pride and courage not love. At last they succeeded in a bribe of public funds to the native Bavaria. She came back to court, but the Viennese never forgave her. They charged her with having too much influence over the emperor, and preferred to remember her as the absent wife.

The entanglement widened. The emperor was fond of pretty women and Elizabeth did not lack them. The empress grew more and more suspicious of her maid, and drew her nearer to her husband, and during a short period of stronger jealousy, and thereafter she almost disappeared from the Hofburg.

Then appeared Katharina, a former of the Imperial theatre. By her love and wit she succeeded in creating for herself a place before her time so openly and successfully to any woman. Speculation as to her relations with the emperor was wide and malicious. Of course it found its way to the press, and there followed an incident which testifies to her uncommon delicacy and grace.

Notted by the continual hinting of such disastrous scandal mongering, he devised a way to end it. One day the took his youngest daughter by the hand, and to the inexpressible astonishment of her friends, set out to pay a long call on Frau Schratz at her country palace in Leicht, where all the world knew the emperor spent hours daily. That ended it effectively. It was impossible to gossip before the empress about a condition which she herself had socially legalized by her presence.

Whatever the truth about Katharina Schratz and the emperor, she had the good sense never to attempt to influence him politically. Those of her predecessors who had dared more boldly paid the penalty of sudden and merciless removal from his surroundings. When upon the assassination of the empress, the court went into mourning, Frau Schratz was seen but little. Shortly the old intimacy was openly resumed, but it was impossible to continue malignant about a friend.

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ship that lengthened into old age, and arms, he was truly the idol of his people and especially of Vienna. His courtly figure was familiar to every Viennese. He roamed through the streets unguarded, bowing to the salutations of his loving people. It became known that he was to leave the city, and several attempts were made to see him off by those who deplored his departure, and to give him a joyful send-off. He turned his back on his admirers, and when he reached the station, no one seemed to notice that the emperor was tarrying with us, and she had the distinction not to notice nor mention a national scandal.

As a soldier, the emperor was beloved in his army. In his cushioned seat by the fireside of the French at Solferino, he suffered such indignation that he begged to have permission to die with his men that he stood indecisive in the fire of a buffer hoping to be struck down. But none of his reverses made him any the less popular at home.

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